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[Despatch Abstract.]

- Grow More Food - Schemes - Loan from the World Reconstruction & Export Bank, U.S.A. - Government of India Assist - Resources.

NO. F.7-36/48-GMF.
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
Ministry of Agriculture.

New Delhi, dated the 2/3rd July 1948

From

Dr. B.M. Piplani, M.A., Ph.D.,
Deputy Secretary to the Government of India.

To

All Provincial Governments.

Sub:- Loan from the World Reconstruction Bank or the Import-Export Bank, U.S.A.

Sir,

The Provincial Governments are already aware that one of the major causes for delay in the execution of the Grow More Food schemes has all along been the difficulty in obtaining the necessary supplies of materials and machinery for executing the plans. These supplies, largely imported from abroad, are mainly in respect of rigs, pumps and pipes, etc. required for tubewell construction programme, agricultural implements and tractors for undertaking mechanical cultivation schemes and finally, imported chemical fertilizers for distribution as manure to cultivators. There are two aspects of the supply of these materials, firstly sufficient foreign exchange, particularly of hard currencies has been difficult to obtain. Secondly, it has been due to the inability, owing to various causes, of the industrialised countries to supply machinery so that deliveries against orders placed years ago have not yet materialised. Indications, however, are that the position with regard to the second aspect mentioned above is now getting somewhat easy. It has accordingly been decided by the Government of India to project a dollar loan for financing the urgent supplies of materials required to push through the foodgrains production schemes in the country. Full plans have been prepared and are under discussion with the Finance Ministry. In the meantime this letter is written with the purpose of emphasising the urgency of having all preparations and schemes in hand so that they will be able to take immediate advantage of this loan when it is sanctioned It is not possible to say anything more beyond the fact that there is a very good chance of a limited amount of loan being granted by the Import Export Bank, U.S.A. for the object mentioned above. It is expected that the formalities for raising this loan will be settled sometime during the course of the next 4 to 6 months.

Yours faithfully,

(Sd) B.M. Piplani,
Deputy Secretary to Government of India.

DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Endorsement No. 74863/A/III/48 dated 7.7.1948.

Communicated to the Director of Agriculture, Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Director of Industries and Commerce and Director of Animal Husbandry for information and necessary action.

2. Copy is also communicated to other Departments dealing with Grow More Food projects for necessary action and to the Finance Department.

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To

The Director of Agriculture.
The Registrar of Co-operative Societies.
The Director of Industries and Commerce.
The Director of Animal Husbandry.
The Public Works Department.
The Revenue Department.
The Food Department.
The Finance Department.

Note:- The Government of India do not ask for a reply. The formation of schemes for 1948-49 is separately under consideration. It is difficult to say yet how much expenditure will have to be paid in dollar. Finance may see after issue.

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FINANCE (B.G.) DEPARTMENT

May be perused and returned to Development. No special remarks seem called for in Finance. Public Works will no doubt communicate a copy of the Government of India's letter on pages 1-2 above to the Chief Engineer (Irrigation). This may be returned to Development through the Public Works Department.

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K.G. Menon,
20.7.48.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

May be perused and returned to Development U.O. Action will be taken separately on the copy of the endorsement on page 2 ante, received in this Department.

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DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Notes of Finance and Public Works Departments may please be perused. No action seems called for. May be recorded.

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Superintendent,
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